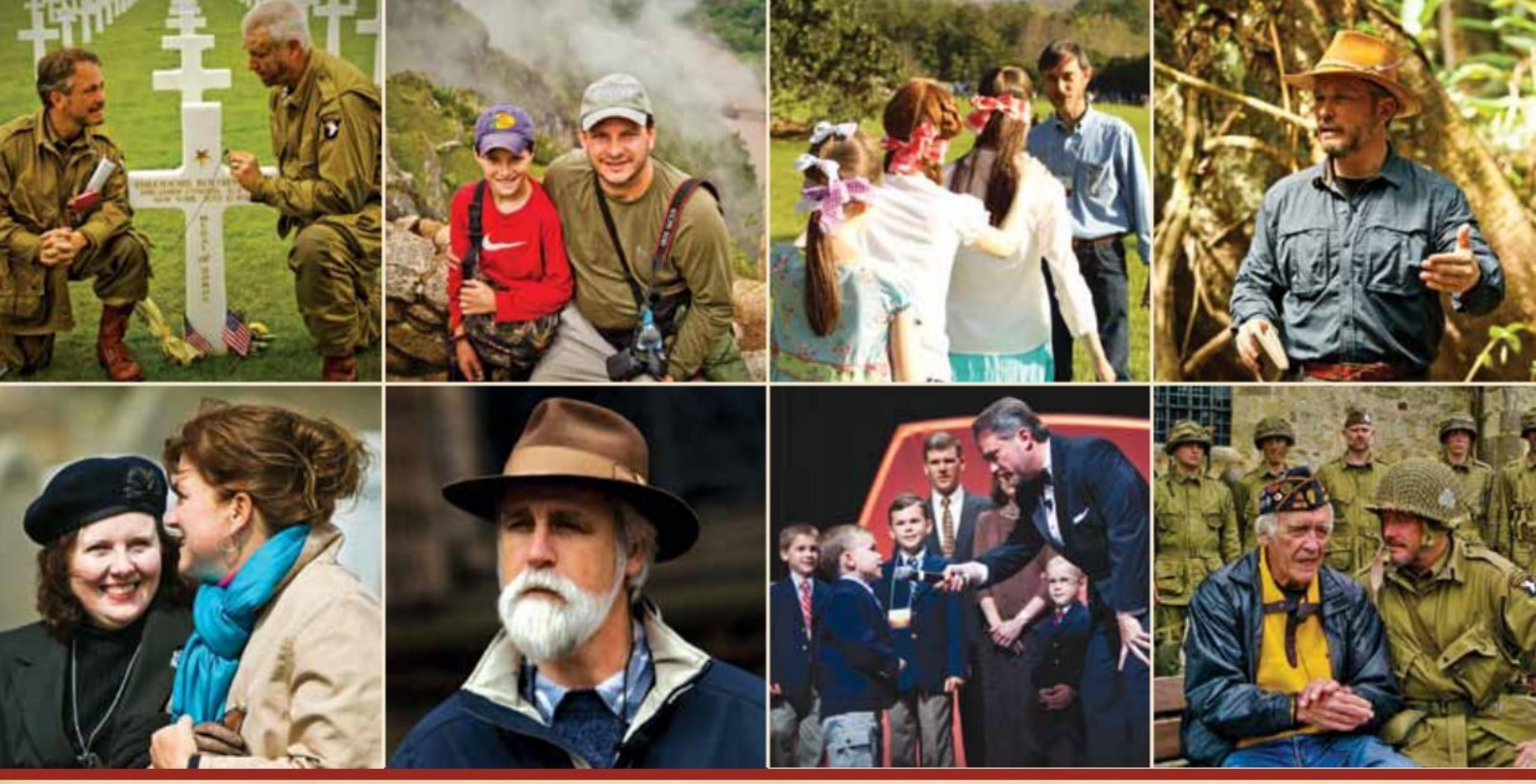

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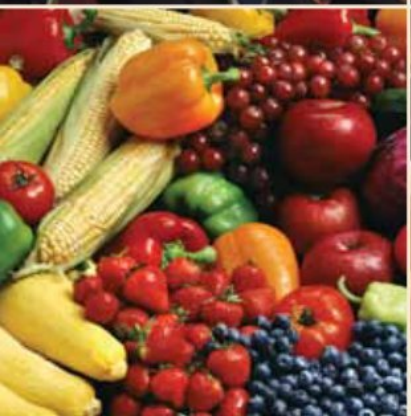

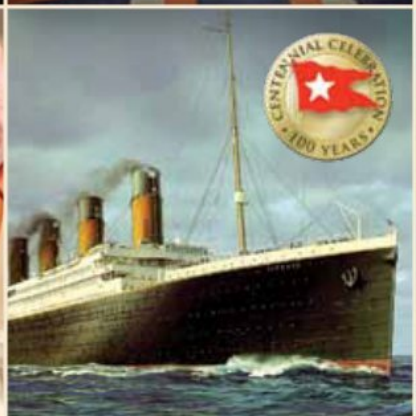

TEN LESSONS FROM 2011

1. Vision Forum Casts a Vision for a Distinctively Biblical Home Education Movement

Back to Biblical Fundamentals

Lesson: At a time when the integrity of the homeschool movement is being threatened by compromise, we must repair to the biblical standard, not abandon it.

2011 was a significant year for the homeschool movement as festering tensions between those seeking to uphold biblical standards and those opting to embrace compromise exploded into open view. One of the more jolting developments occurred when Ken Ham was disinvited from a major homeschool event because of his bold witness in defending the biblical account of creation against compromise. Cutting through the controversy, Vision Forum actively called on homeschool organizations and home educators this year to affirm God's Word and return to the basics of the home school vision—a distinctively biblical approach to Hebraic discipleship where parents walk alongside and disciple their children. With a presence at 25 home school conferences in 2011, Vision Forum encouraged thousands of families to repair to the biblical standard for home education, not abandon it.

2. Vision Forum Brings an Exciting Message of Creationism and Family Discipleship with Jonathan Park to More than 700 Radio Stations and Numerous Countries

Jonathan Park Goes to the Amazon

Lesson: In an age where diverse media streams compete for our attention, radio dramas remain a potent vehicle for storytelling and a powerful medium to convey key biblical messages.

In 2011, the Jonathan Park Radio Drama entered its eleventh year of production, and the series—which presents an uncompromising six-day creationist defense of Genesis within the context of a home schooling family—continues to delight and inspire listeners around the world with exciting adventure stories that build their faith and equip them to combat evolutionism. This year saw the release of *Jonathan Park Goes to the Amazon*, the wide distribution of *Jonathan Park: The Voyage Beyond*, as well as the broadcast of the series on more than 700 radio stations on such diverse continents as Asia, Africa, and South America. Produced by more than forty team members in California and Texas, Jonathan Park remains one of the most successful ministry outreaches of Vision Forum.

3. Vision Forum Takes Fathers and Sons into the Lost World of the Amazon

Fathers & Sons Trek Into the Amazon

Lesson: Bold Christian leadership requires a manly commitment to reclaim the Dominion Mandate and to challenge the next generation of men to take appropriate risks in pursuit of Christ-honoring objectives.

This year, Vision Forum Ministries launched a "Hazardous Journey," as thirty fathers and their sons traveled deep into the heart of the Amazon

Jungle, high into the Andes Mountains, and through the Great Peruvian Desert to unlock mysteries of the ancient world and to test their manhood in the dangers of the wild. This unique experience resulted in a powerful video short in which fathers and sons testified of the significance of working together as men and identifying their resolves before the Lord—to be men of action and leadership in the 21st century. The Into the Amazon Expedition was one of the most exciting and innovative activities to advance biblical manhood that Vision Forum has ever led.

4. Vision Forum Produces Seven Television Documentaries Challenging Christian Families to Oppose Environmental Pantheism and Embrace the Biblical Vision for Earth

Doug Phillips Preaches in the Jungle

Lesson: This is the time to defend the family by "forcing the antithesis" between the worship of the Earth and the worship of the Creator.

At a time when public school classrooms and the mass media are immersing our children in anti-Christian visions of pantheism and environmental radicalism, we must fight back and defend biblical truth. We believe the time is ripe to prepare families to fight for the heart of the matter—to worship the Creator, not the creature—and this year, we journeyed into the Amazon, the Mecca for environmental pantheism, where we filmed a seven-episode film series that explores the biblical view of dominion and wise stewardship and dispels key environmental myths that find their roots in paganism. These episodes, as well as a study course, explore seven intriguing mysteries and are geared at equipping the next generation to master some of the most important worldview issues of our day.

5. Vision Forum Ministries Casts a Vision for Fathers and Daughters through Our Father & Daughter Discipleship Retreat, Books, CDs, and More

Father and Daughter Unity

Lesson: Christian daughters of vision are a secret weapon of the church. They need affirmation from and unity with their fathers.

One of the most controversial but critical elements of Vision Forum Ministries' outreach is our self-conscious encouragement of young ladies to pursue a full-orbed Proverbs 31, Titus 2 vision of Christian womanhood. This begins by emphasizing the centrality of Christ in the life of our daughters and then proceeds by encouraging a strong a relationship between them and their fathers. All this is part of casting a vision for our daughters to be sturdy and noble women of influence within the family context God has placed them in. When daughters embrace this vision, they become part of the vital infrastructure of the church as well as one of the greatest means for evangelical outreach in the community. In 2011, Vision Forum actively sought to encourage and reinforce these distinctives through CD messages, conferences, radio shows, and most notably, through our annual Father & Daughter Retreat.

6. Vision Forum Concludes Ten Years of the Faith of Our Fathers Project with a Final Farewell for the Last Living Vets of D-Day

Honor These Men

Lesson: We have a unique and rapidly-closing opportunity to honor and learn from the last living generation of warriors to be born from parents who were part of the pre-modern world, men who fought a constitutionally sound, biblical justifiable war against evil.

Nearly a thousand World War II veterans die every day. Soon they'll all be gone. So, in June 2011, Vision Forum Ministries gathered in Normandy on the sixty-seventh anniversary of D-Day to honor the sacrifice of our WWII fathers, to record their stories—to give Normandy's last living heroes "A Final Farewell." Journeying with us were three Christian men who fought in the Normandy Campaign. Many more WWII veterans joined us in Normandy for our Final Farewell Celebration, an evening of honor that included special performances of songs from the 1940s, film clips, and an awards ceremony in which hand-sown sashes were bestowed on five of the vets. This event was part of the closing chapter to the Faith of Our Fathers Project, a ten-year effort to give encouragement to the aged men of the WWII and inspire the next generation to revere the principle of the Fifth Commandment.

7. Vision Forum Produces the First Distinctively Christian 7-Part Television Series on D-Day and the Providence of God to Disciple Families to Appreciate the Mighty Hand of God in History

Ancient Warriors of the Past

Lesson: Christians must capture the historical narrative from secular humanists and the anti-Christian academy.

Of the many thousands of commentaries which have been done on D-Day and the Second World War, precious few have brought any sort of biblical analysis to the strategy, character, battles, and stories involved in the Normandy campaign. So in 2011, Vision Forum journeyed to the European Theatre to produce seven WWII film episodes from the field. Shot in Paris, Rome, Normandy, St. Andrews, among other locations, D-Day and the Providence of God is the first film series of its kind in to bring a distinctively biblical perspective on WWII and the Normandy invasion, the greatest amphibious landing in world history. The result was a powerful resource to disciple families concerning God's providence during the Second World War.

8. Vision Forum Offers Christian Families Constitutional and Biblical Analysis of the Republican Presidential Election Debates

GOP Candidate Report Cards

Lesson: We must only support candidates for office who uphold our nation's charter covenants. Those who ignore or dismiss the Constitution are not worthy of our vote.

TEN LESSONS FROM 2011

During the last quarter of 2011, Vision Forum Ministries published a series of in-depth report cards on the Republican Primary debates in which each of the candidates present were evaluated on how their statements made during the debates measured up to the U.S. Constitution. The goal of this exercise was to provide Christian families with a resource to aid them in gauging the commitment (or lack thereof) that each candidate would have in upholding their oath of office if they were elected President, an oath which binds them to abide by the Constitution.

9. Vision Forum Prepares to Launch Three Christian Family-Affirming, Culture-Challenging Events

Battle for Christian Culture

Lesson: The battle for the family necessitates timely, biblical commentary on current events.

In 2011, Vision Forum began active preparation for three major national efforts designed to equip Christians to be salt and light in today's culture: The Christian Filmmakers Academy/San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival; the Titanic 100: An International Centennial Celebration; and the Reformation of Food and the Family. These three events, to be held in 2012, will explain and advance godly principles of food, film, and manly sacrifice—three key areas where biblical perspective is sorely lacking today.

10. Vision Forum Refocuses on Publishing and Producing Written Teaching Material as It Launches a "Chair in Providential History" and Welcomes Bill Potter as Scholar in Residence

Scholar in Residence, Bill Potter

Lesson: The time has come for us to invest in the next generation by producing the literature and apologetic arguments which will equip them to understand the hand of God in history and to defend the doctrines that will define the future of our culture.

Toward the end of 2011, Vision Forum Ministries achieved a longtime goal of acquiring crucial resources to establish a Chair in Providential History, welcoming Bill Potter as Scholar in Residence. In his new role, Bill will help to facilitate the production of important books, pamphlets, and documents designed to defend the family and communicate a biblical perspective on God's providence in history, as well as give timely lectures on related topics. This historic move to establish a chair in providential history at Vision Forum hearkens back to an earlier day when Christians actively invested significant resources in works of scholarship to build the case for Christian history and culture. Praise the Lord for bringing this development to pass!

TEN VISIONS FOR 2012

1. A Distinctively Christian Remedy to Hollywood

The Christian Filmmakers Academy and the 2012 San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival: February 20-25, 2012

Our $101,000 Grand Prize

A defining issue in the battle for the family is culture, and few cultural influences are more negative than Hollywood. Our answer is not to curse the darkness but to light a candle. It is to do what many Christian home educators have attempted to do—to build a Christian industry and influence from the ground-level up. At Vision Forum Ministries, we aspire to foster a film industry outside Hollywood that is distinctively Christian, where filmmakers can take every frame captive "to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5), unimpeded by Hollywood's corrupt agenda. Our vehicle: the Christian Filmmakers Academy, which trains filmmakers on how to script, act, light and direct from a biblical worldview; and the San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival, which showcases the best in Christian filmmaking and awards a $101,000 grand prize to the "Best of Festival." To be a part of this exciting effort, join us in San Antonio on February 20-25, 2012 for our next academy and festival.

2. The Launch of the Hazardous Journey Society

A 10-Year Vision for Dominion, Evangelism, and Exploration for Fathers and Sons: February 2012

A Call for Bold Manhood

In February of 2012, Vision Forum Ministries will be launching one of our most thrilling and encouraging visions for fathers and sons to date: The Hazardous Journey Society, which will have a unique ten-year mission to send father-and-son teams to locations in the United States and around the world to experience life-changing opportunities in the field for Jesus Christ. What began with a thirty-man Into the Amazon Expedition now goes to the next level as Vision Forum Ministries seeks to equip fathers and sons to grow in their biblical manhood, learn the principles of wise decision-making for leaders in the field, and exercise their duties as men of dominion for the glory of God. Watch for a formal announcement of the society at the 2012 San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival, along with the release of three new adventure film shorts —"Manhood"; "Risk"; and "Dominion"—each shot on location in Iceland.

3. Defending Biblical Daughterhood

The Father & Daughter Discipleship Retreat: March 23-25, 2012

Affirming Our Daughters

Many Christian daughters today have grown discontent at home and disillusioned with their role as women. They've sought their identity and satisfaction outside the noble calling of virtuous womanhood that God has ordained. The most common reason for this drift on the part of daughters is fathers who have neglected their duty to give their girls clear hope, biblical vision, and loving affirmation. Biblical daughterhood is worth defending and cultivating, and to help encourage this vital

relationship, Vision Forum Ministries is pleased to return to Georgia's beautiful Callaway Gardens for the 2012 Father and Daughter Retreat, to be held on March 23-25.

4. Titanic 100

The International Centennial Event Dedicated to the Preservation of the Biblical Doctrine of "Women and Children First": April 13-14, 2012

April 15, 1912 – April 15, 2012

Titanic 100: The International Centennial Event will be held in Branson, Missouri, on April 13-14 of 2012. This once-in-a-century celebration is dedicated to the preservation of the enduring biblical legacy of "Women and Children First" modeled by the men who sacrificed their lives as the *Titanic* sank on April 14-15, 1912, so that women and children might live. Come in vintage Edwardian, Titanic-era clothing to our grand banquet. Experience a special ladies Titanic Tea. Listen to thrilling messages on the enduring legacy, meaning, and message of the story of the *Titanic* and its application for the modern world. Tour the world-class Titanic Museum on the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the ship. Enjoy fellowship, song, festivities, and much more!

5. The Reformation of Food and the Family

A Tasty Conference for the Hungry: July 12-14, 2012

How Shall We Then Eat?

You do it three times a day, seven days a week and fifty-two weeks a year. If you live to be 85 years of age, you will experience it more than 90,000 times. It is called food, and it was designed by God as the fuel of life. But to describe food merely as fuel falls short of the depth and breadth of the biblical message. Frankly, there are few subjects which are addressed as often in the Bible as food. Hundreds, if not thousands of Scripture verses, incorporate various types of food, directions about food and spiritual lessons in which food is an element. Join us and several thousand like-minded Christians in San Antonio on July 12-14, 2012 for the Reformation of Food & the Family Conference—a biblical inquiry into some of the most exciting, challenging, encouraging, troubling, inspiring and practical issues concerning food and the Christian family in the 21st century. Our topics will include: Food as Family Culture; The Theology of Mealtime; The Politicization of Food; The Future of Food in America; Avoiding Food Heresies; Food and Frugality; The Art of Hospitality; Informed Stewardship of the Body—more than 60 sessions in all! Learn from dynamic speakers such as theologian and lay chef, Dr. Voddie Baucham; agrarian reformer, Joel Salatin; French reformer and professional chef, Francis Foucachon; and numerous others as we chart a course for the reformation of food and the family at this "tasty conference for the hungry."

TEN VISIONS FOR 2012

6. Biblical Principles for the Ballot Box

Analysis and Commentary from the Law of God and the U.S. Constitution for Christian Families during the 2012 Presidential Election Cycle

The Lesser of Two Evils?

Every four years, most Christians lose their heads and resort to irrational thinking when considering how to steward their vote at the ballot box. In fearing the worst, they often compromise by supporting candidates who are not committed to upholding a righteous standard. Much is at stake, to be sure, but more important than whether a candidate wins or loses is that we honor God in how we that we engage the voting process. Building on our Constitutional Report cards of 2011, Vision Forum Ministries endeavors to help Christians think more biblically about the 2012 election by publishing additional in-depth commentary and analysis on the Presidential candidates that not only examines their positions as they relate to the Constitution, but evaluates their views as they relate to the scriptural requirements for civil magistrates. The goal is to equip Christians with the biblical grid, along with key facts about the candidates, so that they can cast their votes "in the fear of the Lord."

7. Increased Biblical Commentary on News Events and Strategies for Family Discipleship

Timely News Commentary

Over the years, Vision Forum Ministries has sought to offer timely commentary on news stories and current issues that affect the family. In 2012, we hope to publish more articles and resource documents on key topics than we ever have before. Among the issues we plan to cover are strategies for family discipleship, as well as a Christian response to various ethical concerns.

8. New Jonathan Park Adventure

Training a Generation of Children to Defend the Historicity, Authenticity, and Authority of God's Word

Hunt for the Dead Sea Scrolls

The adventures of Jonathan Park and the rest of the Creation Response Team have taken them all around the world exploring many questions about God's creation, but in *The Copper Scroll*—a new album due for release in 2012— they're headed for a journey they've never attempted before: into the exciting world of Biblical archeology! Join Jonathan Park as he investigates the caves and community at Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls, the fallen walls of Jericho, the Babylonian Chronicles, the ancient city of Shechem, and many other exciting sites and artifacts. This new Jonathan Park adventure will tell millions about the historical evidence for the origin of God's Word, affirming the Bible's authenticity and authority.

9. Creative New Strategies for Launching Our Home Educated Sons into Manhood, Leadership and Marriage

Raising Men

In 2012, a key focus of Vision Forum Ministries will be assisting parents with strategies to help their home educated sons make the transition into manhood, leadership, and family responsibility. From seminars, special articles and messages, to our Father & Son Retreats and more, we hope to address what we believe is a crucial issue in the battle for the biblical family and the maturity of the homeschool movement.

10. Building the Dedicated Minority through Conspiracies of Friendship

Godly Friendships Change the World

Our mission of encouragement for families in the Body of Christ includes a strong emphasis on godly friendships. We are reminded by the legacy of the great Reformers: that God changes the world through dedicated minorities and conspiracies of friendship, committed to the Lordship of Christ over all of life. Over the years we have received hundreds of testimonies from families that tell us that some of the most encouraging gatherings, the most productive networking, and the greatest friendship-building events in their experience were Vision Forum conferences, books and audio messages. Our conferences and trips provide like-minded families with special opportunities to meet each other, grow, learn and share valuable experiences that sometimes serve as the foundation for lasting kingdom-building relationships. We are reminded of R.J. Rushdoony's observation that history is not made through majorities, buy through dedicated minorities. We further agree with those students of history who have pointed to the fact that the most influential dedicated minorities emerged as de facto "conspiracies of friendship"—handfuls of men and women, like the Reformers of the 16th century, who God raised up to influence and change the culture of their day. As we enter 2012, Vision Forum Ministries will continue to facilitate opportunities for like-minded believers to meet and build strategic relationships.

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1. Turning the Hearts of Fathers to Their Families
2. Proclaiming the Nobility and Glory of Motherhood
3. Reviving the Doctrine of "Women and Children First"
4. Embracing the Blessing of Children and the Sanctity of Human Life
5. Building a Culture of Virtuous Boyhood and Girlhood
6. Reinforcing Godly Masculinity and Femininity
7. Understanding Family Culture as Religion Externalized
8. Teaching History as the Providence of God
9. Developing Biblical Worldview through Presuppositional Thinking
10. Training Character by Hebrew Discipleship and Home Education
11. Communicating the Applicability of the Law of God
12. Addressing the Ethical Issues of the Twenty-First Century
13. Preparing Men to Stand in the Gates
14. Encouraging Unity Between Church and Home

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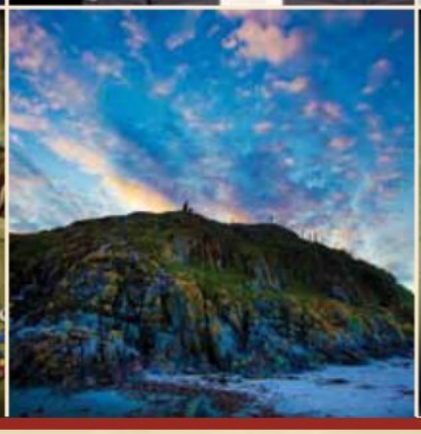

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